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EXAMINING GROUP 2814

PATENT
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mitsuhiro HIRANO Conf.: 3165
Appl. No.: 08/813,200 Group: 2814
Filed: March 7, 1997 Examiner: S. RAO
For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS WITH
LOCAL EXHAUST FOR REMOVING CONTAMINANTS

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 13, 2002

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated August 13, 2001 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 10, 11, 16, and 18.

The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

No extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

An extension of three (3) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was requested and paid for on February 13, 2002, which accompanied the Reply submitted on February 13, 2002.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

Large entity - \$320.00
 Small Entity - \$160.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$320.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

Check(s) in the amount of \$320.00 is/are enclosed.
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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